



Public Notice

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**Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

Public Notice No.

P-2505

Public Notice Date

November 21, 2005

Expiration Date

December 12, 2005

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: MVS-2004-4430

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(Regulatory Branch)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Alan Edmondson

APPLICANT: Mr. Stephen Hoffmeyer, 320 Fork, St. Louis, Missouri 63137.

LOCATION: The project is located on the right descending bank of Mississippi River mile 113.4, St. Charles County, Missouri. Specifically, the project is located on the Elsayh USGS quadrangle map, latitude 38:56:13.0921, longitude -90:21:26.6721.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests permission to permanently moor a 26-foot by 67-foot barge converted into a private residential vessel upstream of Portage des Sioux, Missouri. (The project was previously presented under public notice P-2426 and subsequently authorized. Since the public notice in July of 2004, a "stick-built" home, approximately 1920 square feet in size, has been retrofitted on the barge to establish a private residential structure.) The barge will be moored approximately 5 feet off shore, and will protrude approximately 31 feet into the river. The project location is located between Portage Island and the right descending bank of the Mississippi River (Missouri). This area is open to recreational traffic. Commercial barging takes place between Portage Island and the left descending bank (Illinois). The barge will be delivered to the permanent mooring site by a licensed push boat. The primary means of mooring the vessel/home would be accomplished by spuds through the barge vessel. The spud apparatus will allow the vessel/home to fluctuate with altering river levels. Approximately 100 feet of bankline will impacted by rip-rap placed on the bank to prevent erosion. The vessel/home is equipped with utility services, including an on-board sewage treatment system sufficiently sized to meet expected occupancy.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See attached.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson,

Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8811. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to *Alan.Edmondson@mvs02.usace.army.mil*.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The project plans have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification is requested as of the date of this Public Notice, and if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Pollution Control Program, Post Office Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered are: conservation; economics; aesthetics; general environmental concerns; wetlands; historic properties; fish and wildlife values; flood hazards; flood plain values; land use; navigation; shoreline erosion and accretion; recreation; water supply and conservation; water quality; energy needs; safety; food and fiber production; mineral needs; consideration of property ownership; and in general the needs and welfare of the people.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above.

Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

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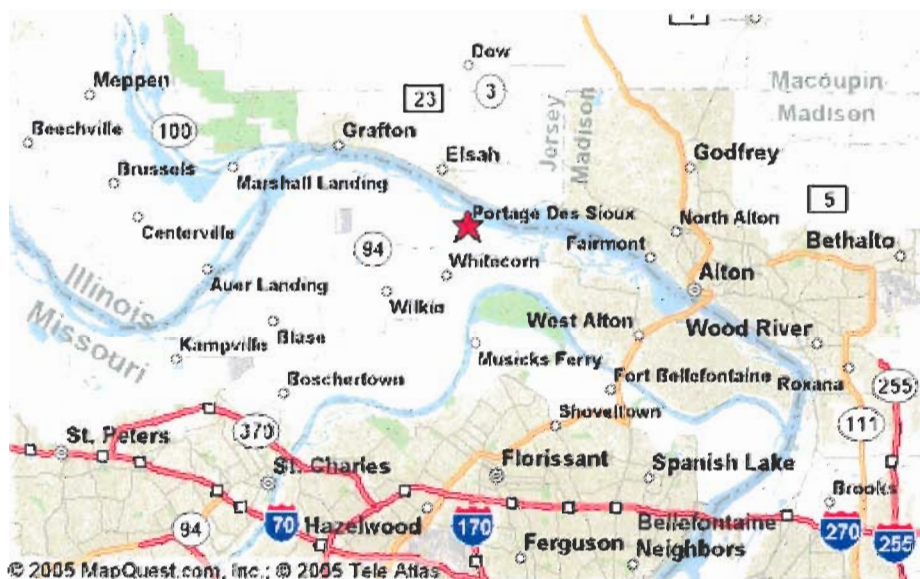
DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

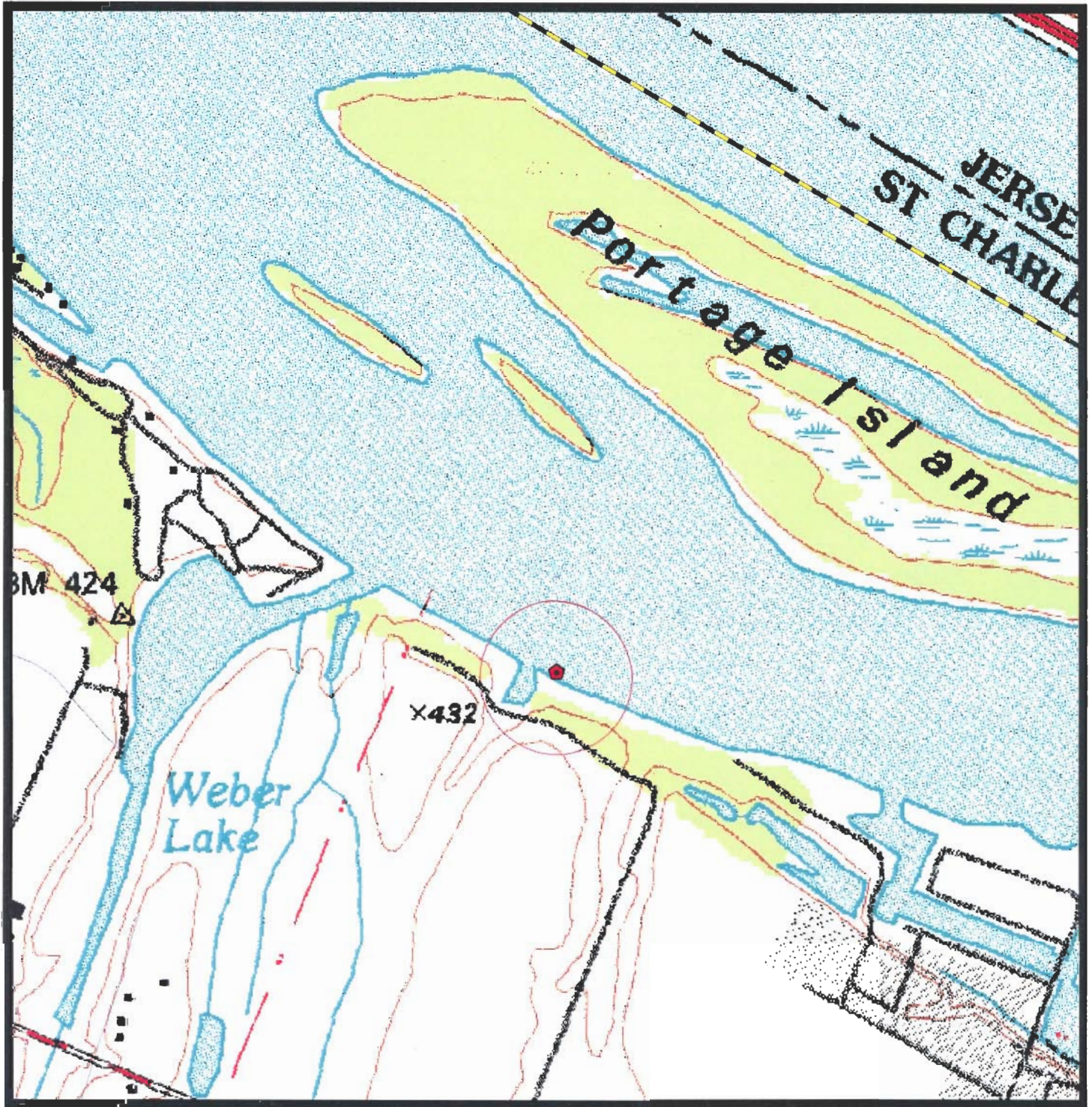
It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

Hoffmeyer Residential Barge Mooring
Portage des Sioux, Missouri



Hoffmeyer Barge Residence

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Nov 08, 2005
Made By: AE



State: Missouri
County: St Charles
Nearest City: Portage Des Sioux
Latitude: 38:56:13.0921
(38.93697004)
Longitude: -90:21:26.6721
(-90.35740892)
UTM X: 0729052.575

UTM Y: 4312895.265
UTM Zone: 15
USGS Quad: Elsay
HUC 8 Name: Peruque-piasa
HUC 8 Number: 07110009
Section:
Township:
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Hoffmeyer Mooring Site
Mississippi River 113.4
P-2505, St. Charles Co.

Portage des Sioux